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FOR NEWSOM FROM OAKLEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PACIFIC AND SOUTHEAST
ASIA

1. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING OUR BEST TO GET VICE PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE TO APPROVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE SO THAT YOU (AND
OTHERS) CAN TRY TO PIN DOWN WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS THOSE
EVENTS WHICH POSE NO INSUPERABLE OBSTACLE AND COMMENT
ON ANY WHICH DO.

2. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN
HIS OBTAINING SOME VISIBILITY WITH US-CONNECTED BASIC
HUMAN NEEDS TYPE OF PROJECT. ALTHOUGH WE WERE UNAWARE
THAT PEACE CORPS AND AID HAD JUMPED GUN ON GOING TO
FIELD, WE BELIEVE THAT THE IDEA HAS MERIT. THE TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE FOR PHILIPPINE STOP IS SET FORTH BELOW AND SHOULD
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BE APPROVED TODAY. IN MEANTIME, PLEASE THINK ABOUT
PROPOSED VISIT TO PEACE CORPS OR AID PROJECT, POSSIBLY
BY HELICOPTER ENROUTE TO OR ON WAY BACK FROM CORREGIDOR
IF THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO GET IT INTO SCHEDULE.

3. MANILA: APRIL 14

--3:00 P.M. AIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AND STATEMENT

--4:00 P.M. VISIT AMERICAN AND PHILIPPINE CEMETERIES
ON WAY FROM AIRPORT

--4:30-6:30 P.M. MEETING WITH MARCOS

PRESS COMMENTS FOLLOWING MEETING

--8:30 P.M. STATE DINNER BY PRESIDENT MARCOS

APRIL 15

-- THE VICE PRESIDENT WISHES TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY IN
THE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 15 IN THE EVENT A FOLLOW-UP
MEETING WITH MARCOS IS NEEDED; HOWEVER, HE IS VERY
INTERESTED IN THREE SPECIFIC EVENTS:

- BRIEF VISIT (10-15 MINUTES) TO ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
- VISIT TO CORREGIDOR BY HELICOPTER (PERHAPS WITH MARCOS)
- VISIT TO PEACE CORPS AND/OR AID PROJECT, PERHAPS WITH
SIGNING OF RURAL ROAD AGREEMENT; EMBASSY SHOULD KEEP
THIS FYI ONLY AT PRESENT BUT PROVIDE RECOMMENDATION
SOONEST ON THIS AND OVERALL APRIL 15 SCHEDULE IN LIGHT
OF ABOVE COMMENTS.

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--2:00 P.M. AIRPORT CEREMONIES AND DEPARTURE STATEMENT

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